

# MÁSTER EN HEPATOLOGÍA

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## “Poliquistosis hepática”

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**1999** 34 años, aumento perímetro abdominal  
TAC: múltiples quistes hepáticos y renales  
no HTA

**2004** Everolimus durante 1 año sin respuesta

**2009** 46 años, trasplante hepático por deterioro calidad vida, malnutrición  
creat 0.9 mg/dl, albúmina 3.7 g/dl, bili 0.8 mg/dl, GGT 69 UI/ml, FAL 103 UI/ml, INR 1

**2009** **Trasplante hepático**

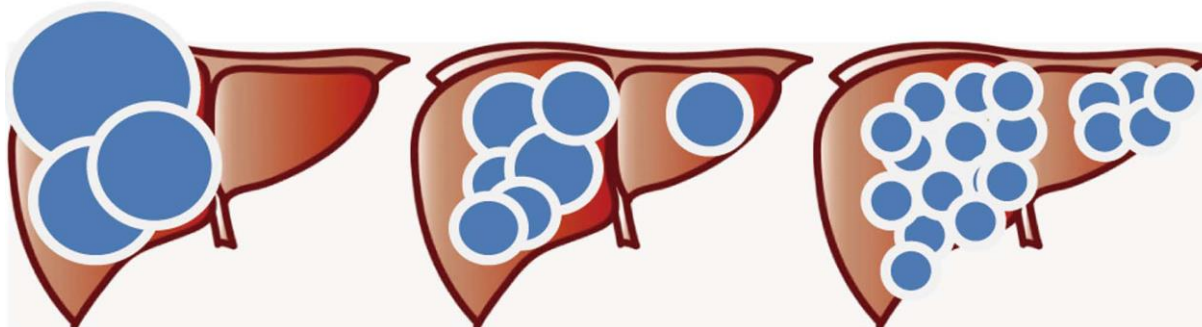
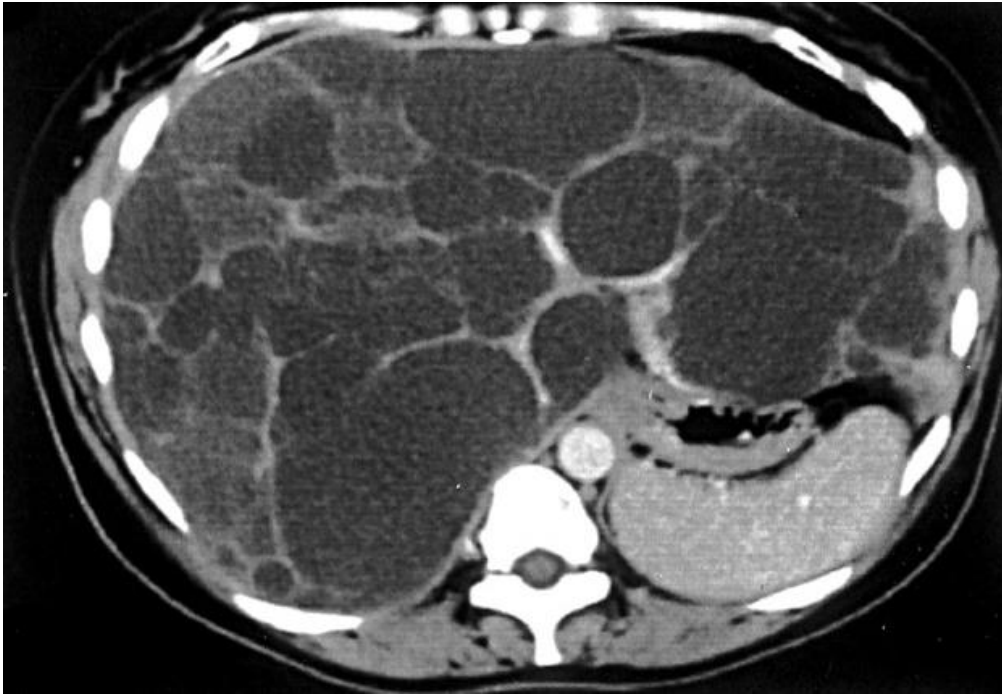
Cirugía: desgarro VCI hasta AD, anastomosis VCI del injerto AD con ligadura VCI del paciente. Injerto 82 años, isquemia fría 10 h

ACVA parietal derecho en postoperatorio por shunt D-I

Alta a los 15 días

Inmunosupresión con tacrolimus y MMF

46 años, massive PLD, mild renal cyst disease, ADPKD  
Displacement of the inferior vena cava



### Gigot criteria (I-III)

- number and size of the liver cysts
  - amount of remaining liver parenchyma
  - candidates for fenestration
- Gigot I, not PLD (<10 quistes)

- 2017** Hepatología:  
FS F4, 17 kPa  
Endoscopia oral: varices esofágicas grandes  
GPVH 21 mmHg, presión VCI 7 mmHg, no BHT por angulación  
Ascitis moderada
- Nefrología: ERC estadio 5: poliquistosis, ICN  
creat 9.8 mg/dl, hemodiálisis
- 2020** Riesgo inaceptable retrasplante hepático  
albúmina 3.1 g/dl, bili 2.3 mg/dl, INR 1.3  
Hemodiálisis 3 veces/sem

	<b>ADPLD</b>	<b>ADPKD</b>
<b>Prevalencia</b>	0.01% ~1:100 000	<b>0.2%</b> ~1:500-1000
<b>Herencia</b>	AD	AD
<b>Mutaciones</b>	PRKCSH SEC63	PKD1 90% PKD2 10%
<b>Producto codificado</b>	Hepatocistina Mutación SEC-63 (25-40%) ~50% sin PRKCSH/SEC63 mutaciones: más grave	Poliquistina-1 (90%) (más grave) Poliquistina-2 (10%) Fenotipo heterogéneo
<b>Fenotipo</b>	<b>Quistes hepáticos múltiples</b> (→ ± renales)	<b>Quistes renales múltiples</b> (→ ± hígado 80%) y anomalías vasculares

## Natural history of liver cysts

Progressive growing

Prevalence increases with age:

**58%** at 15-24 yr, **85%** at 25-34 yr, **95%** at 35-46 yr

Growth rate of polycystic livers: 0.9-1.6% in 6-12 m

Severity of liver disease: ADPLD with mutations > ADPLD > ADPKD

## Symptoms

**80-95%** of symptomatic patients and LT ♀, mean age 50 yr

Majority of patients are asymptomatic

Hepatomegaly and symptoms related with liver size

## Risk factors for liver cyst growth

- Advancing patient age
- Female gender
- Estrogen exposure: pregnancies, **OCPs**, estrogen replacement therapy (also in postmenopausal women)
- Severity of renal dysfunction and renal cyst volume

htTLV, height-adjusted total liver volume

**Mild**  
<1600 ml/m

**Moderate**  
1600 - 3200 ml/m

**Severe**  
>3200 ml/m



Normal liver volume 1,300–1,700 ml



## **Complications** (rare)

- Cyst infection (punción, In-111 WBC or 67-Gallium scan, PET)
- Cyst bleeding
- Cyst rupture
- Portal hypertension, mostly due to HVOO
- Obstructive jaundice extremely rare

## **Associated diseases in ADPKD (ADPLD?), systemic disease**

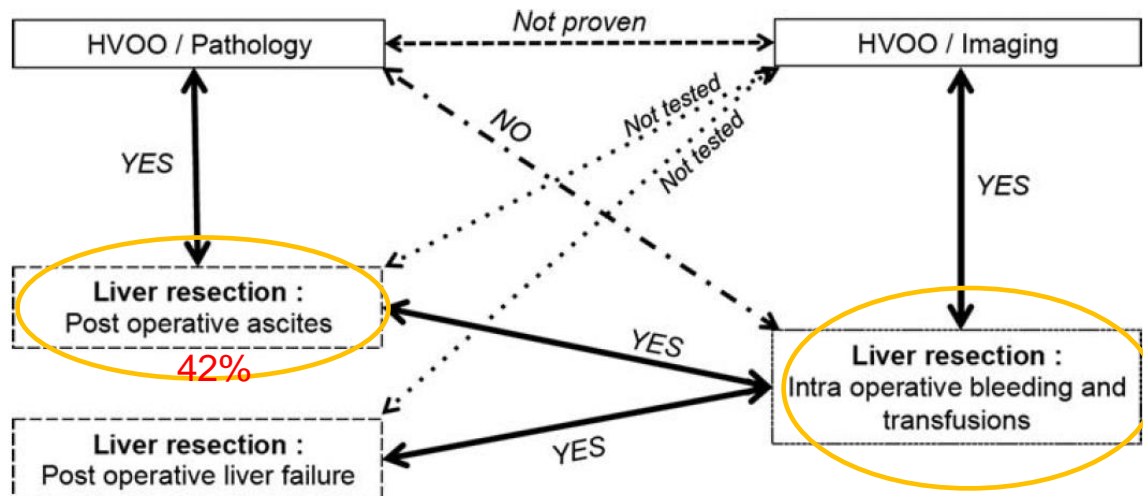
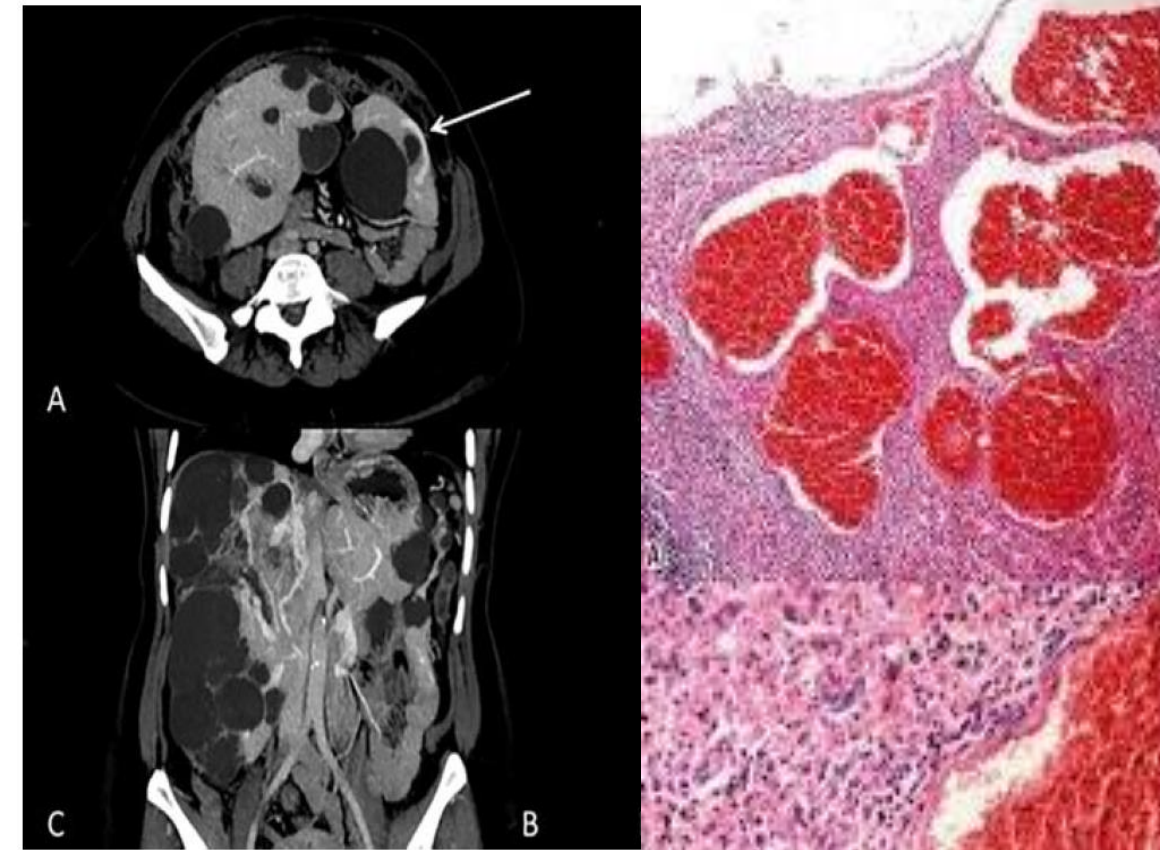
- Pancreatic cysts (10%)
- Arachnoid cysts
- Intracranial aneurysms, 16% and 6% with or w/o family history  
Screening: >30 yr, symptoms, family history (aneurysms, stroke),  
LTx/KTx candidate
- Valvular disease: mitral valve prolapse (25%), aortic regurgitation (10%)
- Arterial hypertension, 70%, even before KD (ADKPD)
- Left ventricular hypertrophy
- NOT increased risk of malignancy



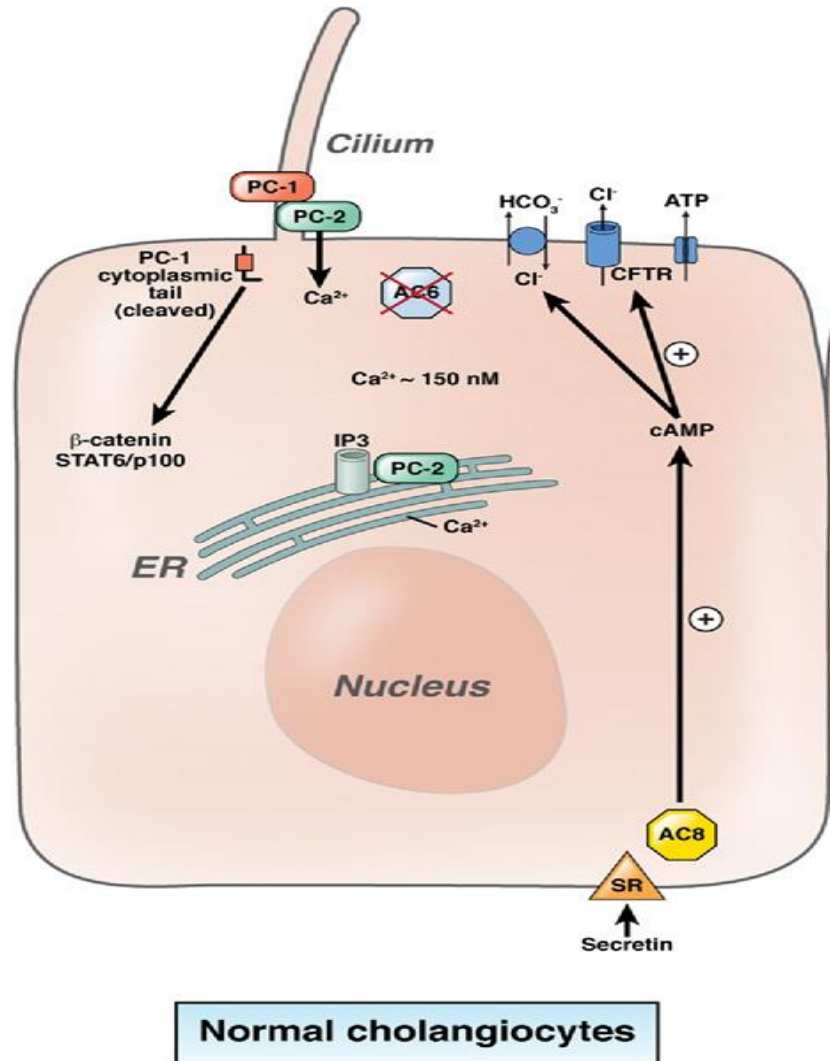
Retrospective study of **125 patients with ADPLD**  
90 resection, 35 LT

Histology (n=125)	Imaging TC (n=45)
<b>92% lesions of HVOO</b> (47% sinusoidal dilatation)	100% stenosis/obstruction 2 HV 87% 3 HV affected 84% intrahepatic collaterals
<b>Fibrosis 57%</b> (advanced 13%)	

**HVOO lesions:** sinusoidal dilatation, congestion, peliosis, nodular regenerative hyperplasia



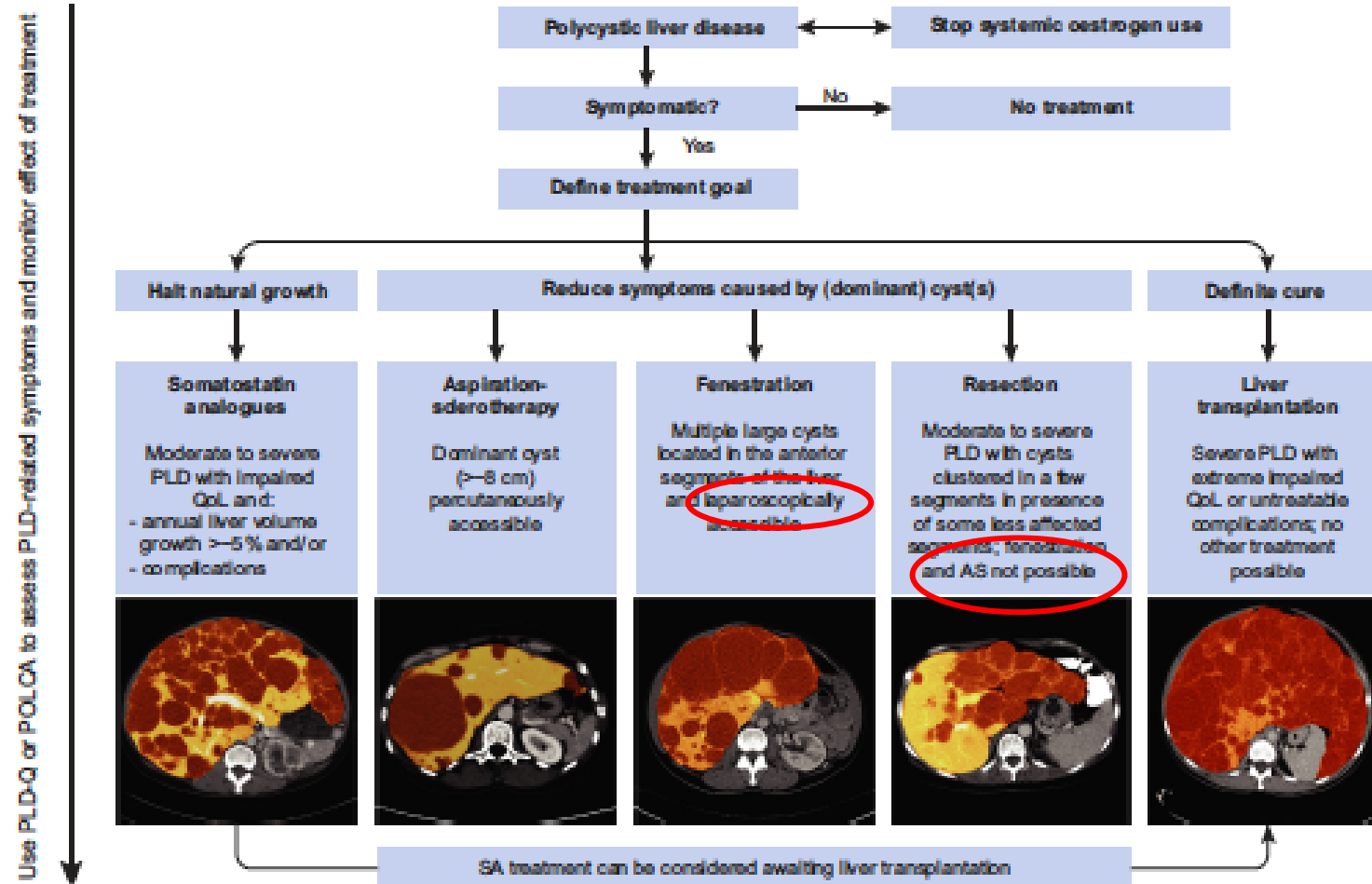
# Signaling in normal and cyst cholangiocytes



## Phenotypic changes in cyst cholangiocytes

- Less differentiated phenotype
- **↑ cAMP levels**  
(drive fluid secretion and proliferation)
- ↑ proliferation/apoptosis
- ↑ VEGF and VEGFR2 expression
- ↑ cytokines and chemokines expression
- ↓ cytoplasmic  $[Ca^{2+}]$
- ↑ expression of **mTOR**, pERK1/2
- Changes in ER functions

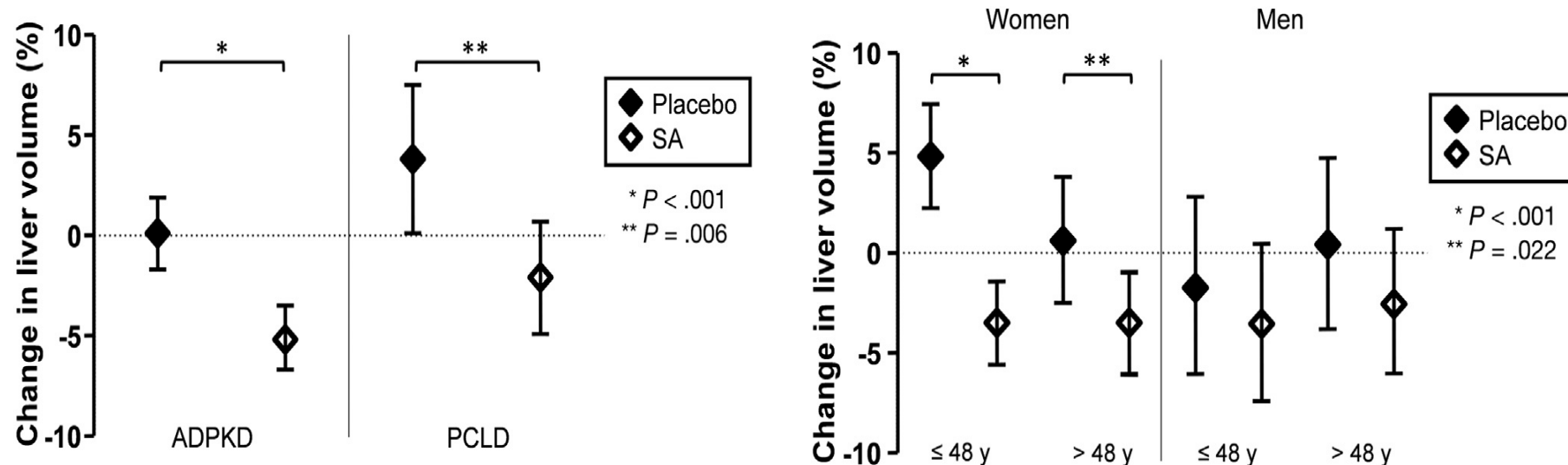
# Treatment algorithm for polycystic liver disease



# Young women with Polycystic Liver Disease respond best to somatostatin analogues: A Pooled Analysis of Individual Patient Data

**Primary outcome:** change in liver volume after 6-12 m

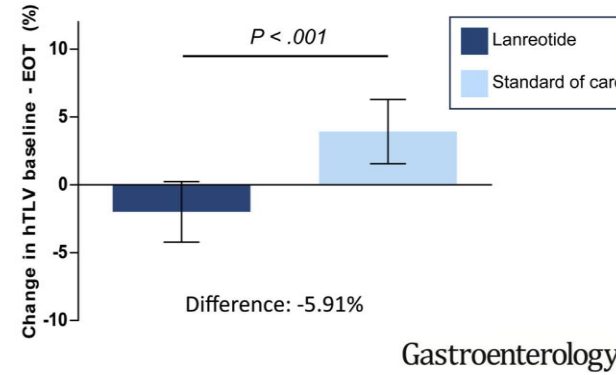
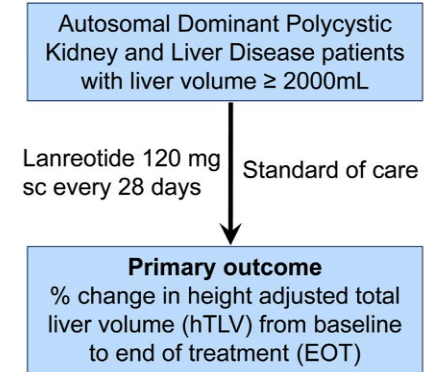
**Lanreotide 120 mg/4 wks sc / Octreotide 40 mg/4 wks sc**



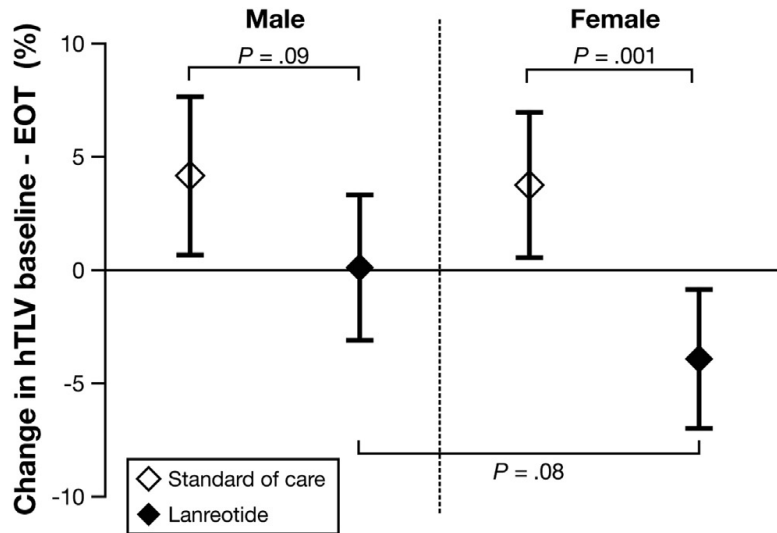
- Heterogeneity in response: 15% non-response
- Underlying diagnosis: **little influence**
- **Young women** (<48 yr) largest increase in liver volume, best response
- Ineffective in men, modestly effective in older women
- ~~Treatment beyond 24 m little benefit. Once stopped, liver volume rebounds~~
- ~~No effect on kidney volume~~
- **Target population: women with extensive PLD and symptoms**

# Lanreotide reduces liver growth in patients with autosomal dominant polycystic liver and kidney disease

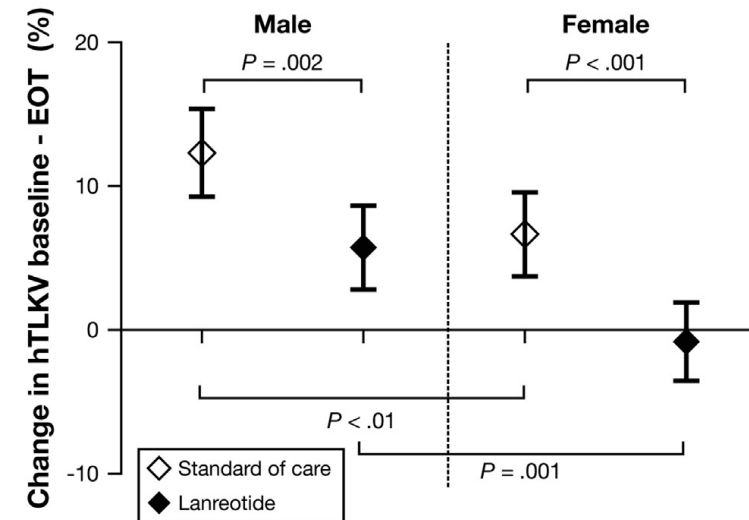
A 120-week randomized clinical trial



## hTLV at the end of treatment



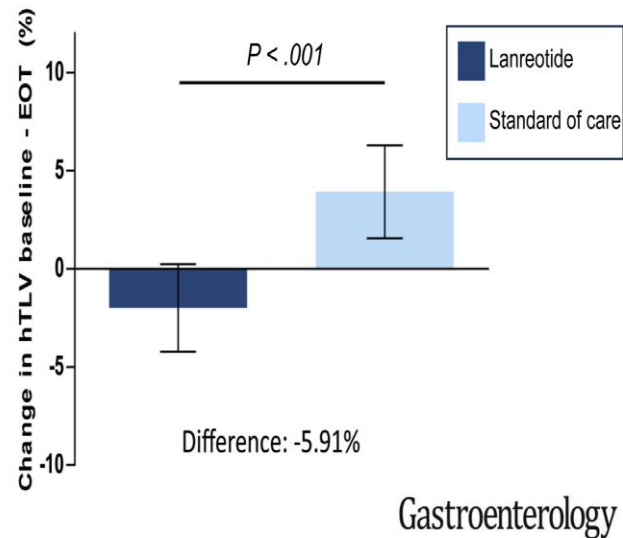
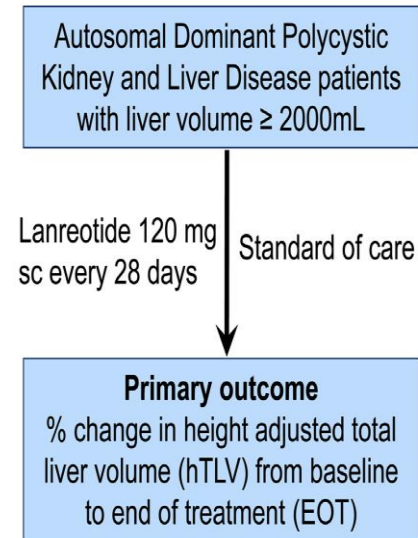
## hTLKV at the end of treatment



hTLV still reduced by 3.87% at 4 months after last injection of lanreotide (P .04)

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## Adverse events

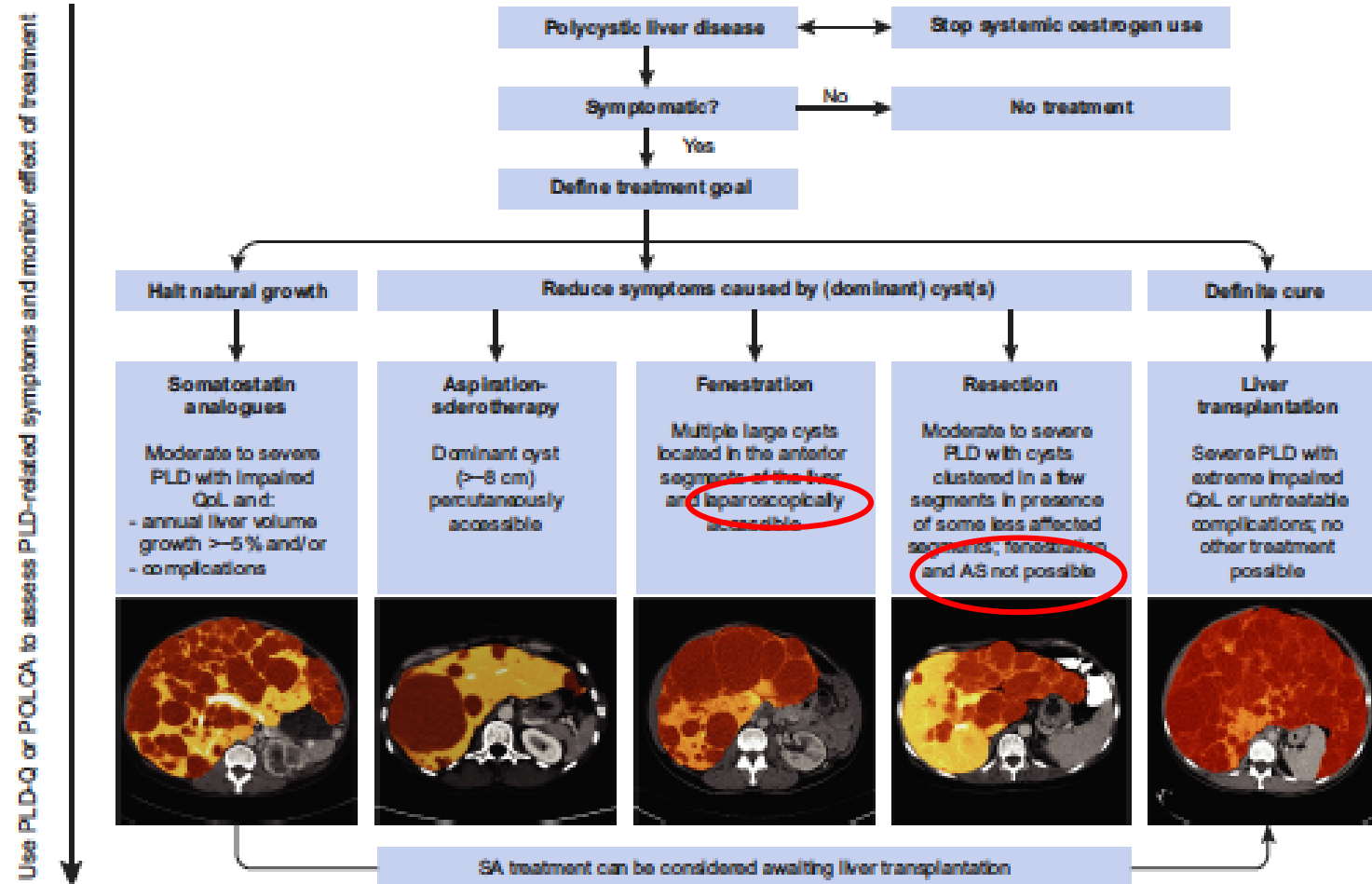
- 15/93 (16%) patients dose reduction, 6 stopped (7 GI complains, 3 malaise, 2 bradycardia, 1 hypoglycemia, 1 hair loss, 1 cyst infection)
- **6 liver cyst infection**

## Limitations

- No change in QoL
- Most w/o hepatomegaly-related complains (hTLV  $>3200$  ml/m)(14% LAR, 6% SOC)

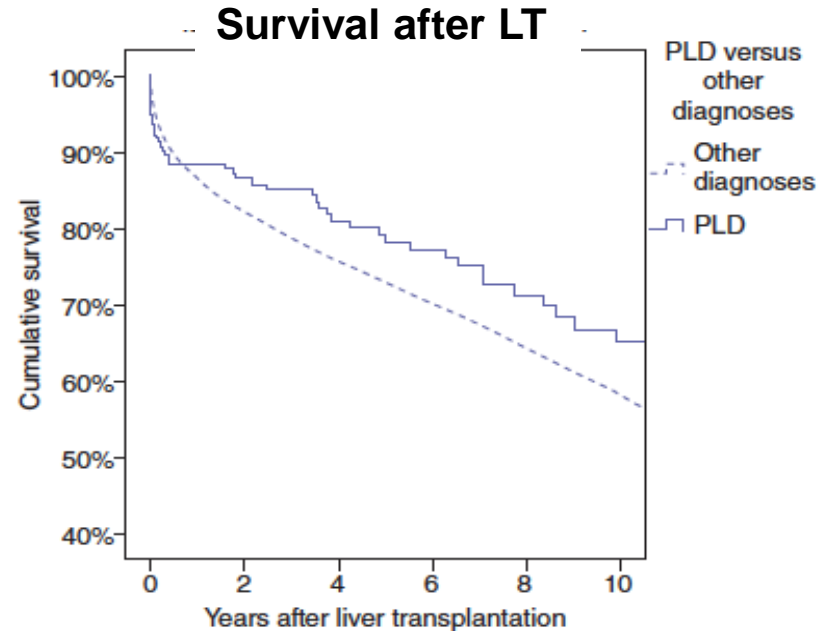


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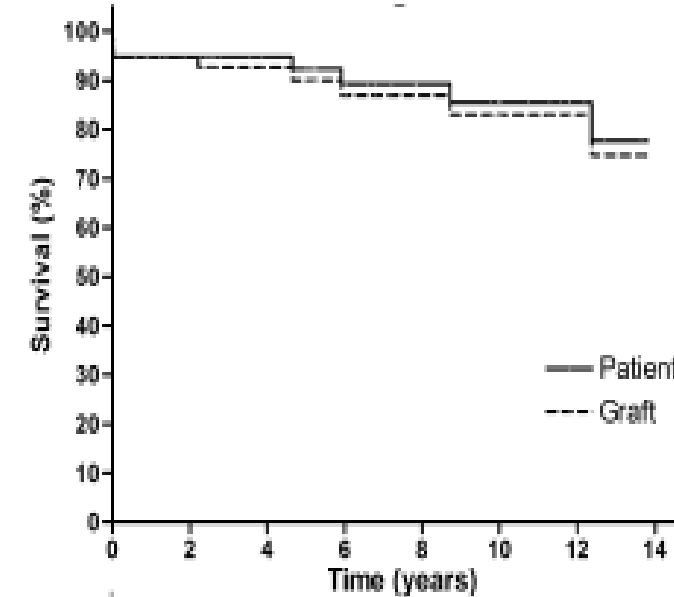




Retrospective UNOS database  
107 411 LT (1988-2010) → 0.3% PLD



Retrospective **ELTR** database  
58 PLD, 1985-2007



30-day mortality (1-survival)	<1 January 2000	≥1 January 2000	Wilcoxon's P-value
PLD	12% (n = 122)	7% (n = 235)	0.038
Other transplants	8% (n = 3520)	5% (n = 5782)	<0.001

## Reasons for LT

- 74% mechanical difficulties
- 14% pain
- 12% complications

## Difficulties in surgery, 38%

- 17% prior surgery!!
- 12% grossly enlarged liver



## Criteria for LT

- massive PLD with symptoms  
(exceptional  $hTLV < 5000 \text{ ml/m}$ )
- severe malnutrition  
(albumin  $< 2.2 \text{ g/dl}$ )
- portal hypertension, including HVOO
- recurrent cyst infection

## MELD exception

- w/o renal insufficiency, GFR  $> 30 \text{ ml/min}$ , MELD 15 (plus 3 points/3 mo)
- with renal insufficiency, GFR  $< 30 \text{ ml/min}$ , MELD 20 (plus 3 points/3 mo.)

Arrazola L et al. *Liver Transplant.* 2006

## Ethical issues

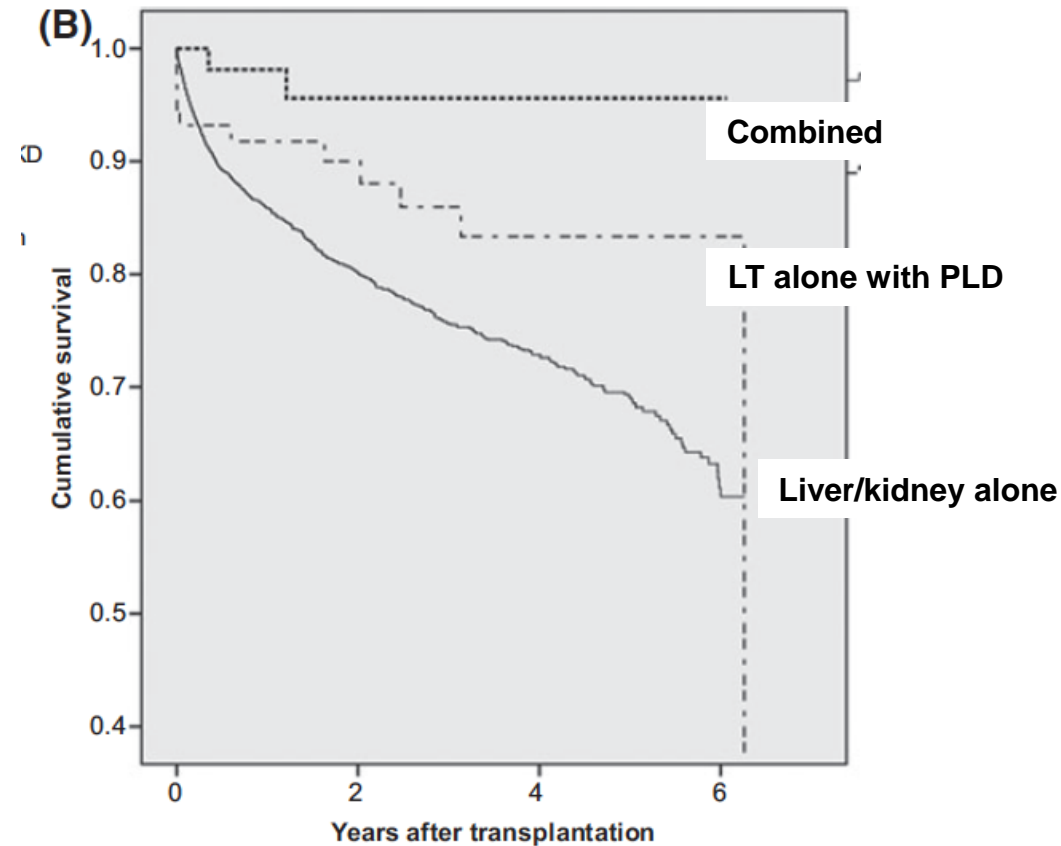
UNOS database 2002-15

$> 70\%$  more likely transplanted than cirrhosis

*SD Doshi et al. Transplantation 2017*

# Combined liver/kidney transplantation in polycystic liver disease

## Survival after LT



Retrospective UNOS database  
107 411 LT (1988-2013) → 107 liver/kidney T

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year
	Patient survival	Patient survival	Patient survival
PLD/PKD	91%	90%	90%
PLD alone	87%	82%	77%
Other liver-kidney	82%	73%	67%



- Cyst growth depends of female sex and age
- Hepatic vein outflow obstruction is common in massive PLD
- Young women with symptomatic disease are the target of somatostatin analogues
- Increased mortality of LT at short-term



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